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\$500,000 'Slush Fund' Reasonable, Javits Says

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 19 (AP) — A charge by Democrat James B. Donovan that Senator Javits is raising a campaign "slush fund" sparked fresh debate today in the race for Senator Javits' seat.

Mr. Donovan, touring the Adirondacks, asserted yesterday that Senator Javits' backers were raising a half-million dollars for what Mr. Donovan called a slush fund. He challenged the Republican Senator to explain why he needed so much money.

Senator Javits, also campaigning upstate, replied that the "figure is not in any way outrageous."

The Senator told newsmen he lacked sufficient funds to finance the campaign himself, and that his brother Benjamin and a friend had undertaken the fund-raising job. He said he did not know how much they were raising.

Commenting on Mr. Donovan's charge, Senator Javits estimated that it would cost \$300,000 just to send a letter to every voter in the State.

Mr. Donovan, speaking at

Pottersville, said he challenged Senator Javits to explain to voters "whether or not the \$500,000 slush fund has been raised, and if so, how it can possibly be used in a six-week campaign for the United States Senate."

Senator Javits told newsmen later,

"Campaigns are expensive. I haven't the money to pay for it. I have to have help. You can't be on radio and TV and send mail without it costing a considerable sum."

Mr. Donovan said he had personal knowledge of the Javits fund-raising effort because Benjamin Javits had sent him one of the letters seeking contributions.

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